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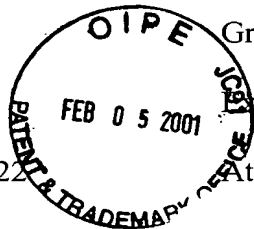
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Ebner et al.

Application Serial No.: 09/320,713

Filed: May 27, 1999

For: INTERLEUKINS-21 AND 22



Group Art Unit: 1647

Examiner: Spector, L.

Attorney Docket No.: PF470

PROVISIONAL ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143
WITH TRAVERSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2000, Applicants provisionally elect, *with traverse*, Group II represented by newly added claims 50 to 155, for further prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected inventions should the restriction requirement be made final. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) a Petition for Extension of Time for five (5) months up to and including February 8, 2001; (b) an Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO/SB/08A and copies of references AA-BX; and (c) a Fee Transmittal Sheet. Please amend the application as follows.

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In the Claims:
01 FC:102 80.00 CH
02 FC:103 1206.00 CH

Please cancel claims 2-24, 26, 28, 30-36, 41-43, 45 and 47-49 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

--50. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of: